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SUBJ: BRIEFING ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S MEETING WITH VORSTER,
NORMALIZATION US/CONGO RELATIONS AND ARMS TRANSFER POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 123224, (B) YAOUNDE 1998, (C) STATE 115409,
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1. FOREIGN MINISTER KEUTCHA HAS BEEN UNABAILABLE DUE TO MEETING
PERMANENT COMMISSION OF ARAB-AFRICAN COOPERATION WHICH BEGAN
MAY 30 AND ENSUING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING WHICH STILL GOING
ON. HOWEVER, I PRESENTED DIP NOTES AND BRIEFED DEPUTY CHIEF
OF PROTOCOL FRANCIS NKWAIN AND PRESIDENCY SECRETARY GENERAL
SAMUEL EBOUA ON THESE SUBJECTS ON MAY 30.

2. AMBASSADOR SPIRO HAD BRIEFED PRESIDENT AHIDJO ON UPCOMING
TALKS PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE (REFTEL B) AND IT APPEARED ONLY
APPROPRIATE IN VIEW UNAVAILABILITY FOREIGN MINISTER MAKE PRESS
CONFERENCE AND RESULTS OF MEETING AVAILABLE PRESIDENCY SECRETARY
GENERAL (REFTEL A).

3. EBOUA WAS QUITE PLEASED TO LEARN OF CONTINUED US INITIATIVE
RESOLVE THREE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND THAT WE WERE EXERTING
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PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO RESOLVE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF
APARTHEID AND EQUAL ACCESS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
AS WELL AS ATTEMPTING SEEK SOLUTION ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. HE
SAID ALL OF AFRICA WAS GRATIFIED THAT US FINALLY EXERTING
LEADERSHIP ROLE AND HOPED THAT WE WOULD SUCCEED IN OUR EFFORTS
SINCE CAMEROON SUPPORTED PEACEFUL SOLUTION THESE PROBLEMS.
EBOUA SAID IT PROFITED NO ONE IN TERMS OF LOSS OF LIFE AND

PROPERTY IN RESOLVING THESE MATTERS THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE. HE HOPED THAT WHATEVER TEMPORARY SETBACKS US MIGHT EXPERIENCE THAT WE WOULD PERSERVE IN OUR EFFORTS UNTIL PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS ARE ACHIEVED. HOWEVER, HE CONCLUDED THAT TIME, PARTICULARLY IN ZIMBABWE, WAS RUNNING SHORT.

4. ON NORMALIZATION OF CONGO-US RELATIONS (REFTEL D), EBOUA SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THIS MOVE WAS LONG OVERDUE AND HE HOPED THAT THE TALKS WOULD TURN OUT SUCCESSFULLY.

5. THE NEW ARMS TRANSFER POLICY STATEMENT (REFTEL C) WAS WELCOMED. EBOUA THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT THAT THE US MAKE THE FIRST MOVE. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT OTHER COUNTRIES MUST ALSO APPLY RESTRAINT OR OUR TRADITIONAL FRIENDS MAY BE DISADVANTAGED BY NEIGHBORS OBTAINING ARMS FROM COMMUNIST SOURCES AND THEIR NOT BEING ABLE MAINTAIN PARITY. I ASSURED HIM THAT NEW POLICY WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON PRESENT PROPOSALS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS AND HE APPEARED SATISFIED.

6. WATTS, ALSO DISCUSSED, REPORTED BY REFTEL E.
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